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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A pigment dispersing composition comprising an ester or a partial ester of a polyhydric alcohol (component A) and carboxylic acids, comprising- wherein the carboxylic acids are at least one of a carboxylic acid radical or a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture having from 24 to 34 carbon atoms (component B) and at least one of a carboxylic acid radical or a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms (component C).
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The ester or partial ester pigment dispersing composition~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohol has from 3 to 12 hydroxy groups.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The ester or partial ester pigment dispersing composition~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane, trimethylolethane, pentaerythritol, glycerol, diglycerol, polyglycerol, sorbitol, dipentaerythritol, ditrimethylolpropane, ethoxylated derivatives of trimethylolpropane, trimethylolethane, pentaerythritol, glycerol, diglycerol, polyglycerol, sorbitol, dipentaerythritol, ditrimethylolpropane, and mixtures thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The ester or partial ester pigment dispersing composition~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is trimethylolpropane, glycerol, pentaerythritol, or mixtures thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The ester or partial ester pigment dispersing composition~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one of a carboxylic acid radical or a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture contains from 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

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6. (Currently Amended) The ~~ester or partial ester~~ pigment dispersing composition as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one of a dicarboxylic acid radical or the radical of a dicarboxylic acid mixture (component D).
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~ester or partial ester~~ pigment dispersing composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein the at least one of a dicarboxylic acid radical or the radical of the dicarboxylic acid mixture is derived from adipic acid, dodecanedioic acid, acid or dimer fatty acid.
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~ester or partial ester~~ pigment dispersing composition as claimed in claim 1, having an acid number of from 5 to 25.
9. (Currently Amended) The ~~ester or partial ester~~ pigment dispersing composition as claimed in claim 1, having a hydroxy number of from 5 to 400.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~ester or partial ester~~ pigment dispersing composition as claimed in one claim 1 having a hydroxy number of from 5 to 150.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Withdrawn) A process of processing a plastic comprising the step of adding the plastic processing aid as claimed in claim 11 to the plastic during the processing of the plastic.
13. (Withdrawn) The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein the plastic is a polyvinyl chloride, polyester, polycarbonate, polyamide, or polypropylene.
14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing a micronizate comprising the step of adding an ester or partial ester as claimed in any claim 1 during the preparation of the micronizate.
16. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the plastic is a thermoplastic.
17. (Withdrawn) A plastic made in accordance with the process of claim 12.
18. (Withdrawn) A micronizate made in accordance with the process of claim 15.
19. (Currently Amended) A pigment composition comprising a at least one pigment and a pigment dispersing agent composition, ~~wherein the dispersing agent is an ester or partial ester as claimed in claim 1.~~